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Promotion of Horticulture
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the areas where horticulture will be promoted in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether any financial and other assistance have been provided to give subsidy to farmers for sprinkler irrigation facility, marketing facilities, construction of cold storages, horticulture, latest research work and other works pertaining to horticulture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount allocated by the Government in this regard during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15 for holistic growth of horticulture sector subsuming ongoing missions/schemes of the Ministry- National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Agro-forestry and Bamboo Mission (NABM)*, National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland. All States including North Eastern states and UTs are covered under MIDH.

A total of 384 districts from 23 States & UTs have been identified for implementation of NHM. All 117 districts of North East and Himalayan States (11) are covered under HMNEH (Thus, 501 districts are covered under NHM & HMNEH).

While finalizing/identifying districts for inclusion under NHM, a cluster approach for developing potential horticultural crops while ensuring backward and forwarded linkages was adopted. The selection of the district was decided on the comparative advantage of crops based on agro climatic conditions, potential for developing marketing opportunities were taken into consideration.
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Further, there is a provision under NHM for setting up of infrastructure units relating to post harvest management, marketing and other project based activities in non NHM districts, provided there is a clear linkage of the units with the horticulture produce. Apart from this, activities for development of horticulture in non-NHM districts can be carried out under other Government schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) etc.

*From current financial year, with the launch of sub mission on agro forestry, NABM is no longer part of MIDH.

(c) & (d): Under MIDH assistance is provided for drip irrigation, creation of post harvest and market infrastructure including cold storage development of horticulture and applied research. The details of State wise amount allocated during last three years and current year under MIDH (NHM & HMNEH) are annexed.